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1. POLITICAL SECTION CAN HANDLE THE INTERVIEWING AND PREPARATION
OF MATERIAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, REQUESTED
IN REFTTEL. WE WILL GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH THE UK,
CANADIAN, AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES TO TRY TO COORDINATE OUR
EFFORT, BUT DOUBT THAT THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE
FULLY. EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR THE AUSTRALIANS, OTHER EMBASSIES HAVE
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RARELY EXPENDED SIZEABLE RESOURCES IN SUCH INTERVIEWING. MOST
REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED RECENTLY FROM CAMBODIA WERE TAKEN FIRST TO
THE BURIRAM PROVINCE DETENTION CENTER. WE WILL, THEREFORE,
CONCENTRATE INITIALLY THERE. WE FORESEE NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN
FINDING NEWLY ARRIVED CANDIDATES WITH STORIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS. VIRTUALLY ALL REFUGEES HAVE
DIRECTLY EXPERIENCED SUCH VIOLATIONS OR HAVE WITNESSED THEM.

NO REFUGEE WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN HAS HAD ANY ACCESS TO CENTRAL CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY; THIS WILL HAVE TO BE EXTRAPOLATED FROM LOCAL EXPERIENCES. THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A COMPREHENSIVE GEOGRAPHICAL SAMPLE, SINCE MOST OF THE REFUGEES WHO FLEE TO THAILAND COME FROM WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAMBODIA. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET AS BROAD A READING AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE NO SPECIAL LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS IN CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEWS.
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